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COMPONENTS OF A DATA STORAGE
SYSTEM AND METHOD OF ASSEMBLY
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT & AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on September 29, 2000. Applicants elect claims 1-15 without traverse. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please delete claims 16-20.

Please amend claims 1-15 as follows:

1. An apparatus for assembling components of a data storage device comprising:

a frame;

[support means] a carousel base rotationally coupled to the frame [for] and adapted to removably support [supporting] a component carousel [storage member removably supporting a plurality container of components for assembly];

[assembly means,] an assembly arm coupled the frame and operable between [supported component storage member] the carousel base and an unassembled data storage device, for sequentially unloading